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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 8285

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, EC

SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF ANTI-TANK WEAPONS FOR ECUADOREAN ARMY

REF: STATE 284802

1. I PERSONALLY CALLED ON GENERAL DURAN TODAY TO INFORM HIM OF THE ANTI-TANK PACKAGE AUTHORIZED BY REFTTEL. I TOLD HIM, INTER ALIA, THAT THIS ACTION ON THE PART OF THE USG, AT SOME SACRIFICE TO THE U.S. ARMY, WAS UNDERTAKEN BECAUSE OF OUR RECOGNITION OF THE EFFORTS THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT HAD MADE SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN JANUARY TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND TO RESOLVE MUTUAL PROBLEMS.

2. GENERAL DURAN WAS MOST GRATEFUL AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION PROFUSELY. HE DWELT AT SOME LENGTH ON THE THREAT FROM PERU WHICH HE SAID HAD ARMED ITSELF WITH THE HELP OF THE RUSSIANS AND HAD BECOME A SERIOUS THREAT TO STABILITY IN THIS REGION.

3. THE MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE HAS PRESENTED LETTERS TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ECUADOREAN ARMY TO PRESENT OUR OFFER OFFICIALLY. GENERAL DURAN SAID THAT THEY WOULD RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY AND IMMEDIATELY.

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